

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In the application of	)	
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Hisanao Maruyama, et al.	)	Examiner: J.J. Johnson
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Title: WELDED PORTION CONSTITUTION	)	Art Unit: 1725
AND WELDING METHOD	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

These amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2007.

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**REMARKS** begin on page 6.